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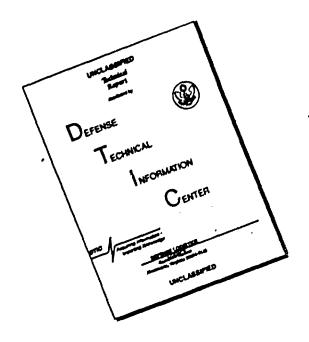
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CORROSION PROTECTIVE SURFACE TREATMENTS FOR - DETERMINATION OF

PURPOSE

Unclad 2020-T6 aluminum alloy is being considered for B-58 application where parts may be subjected to elevated temperatures. Considerable weight savings may be realized in its use if the alloy meets all the required properties.

The purpose of this test was to evaluate the corrosion resistance of unclad 2020 aluminum alloy when protected by anodic coatings (MIL-A-8625A) or by chemical film treatment (MIL-C-55½) on exposure to elevated temperatures of 300°F and 350°F for 100 hours each.

SUMMARY

Unclad 2020-T6 aluminum alloy received Type I and II anodic coatings per MIL-A-8625A and Iridite 14-2 coatings per MIL-C-5541. Uncoated and coated panels from each process were subjected to the following: (1) no heat exposure, (2) 100 hours at 300°F, and (3) 100 hours at 350°F. The panels were then exposed to 20% salt spray, 120°F., 95% relative humidity, and 3 phase JP-4 salt water immersion environments. Tensile tests were conducted on coated and uncoated specimens which received the various heat soaks and salt spray exposure.

Test results revealed that 100 hours exposure to 300°F had little effect on the tensile properties of coated and uncoated 2020-T6 aluminum, whereas a similar exposure at 350°F decreased the yield and ultimate strengths by 13 to 22 percent:

Specimens representing all three doating processes passed the tensile requirements of MIL-A-8625A (Type I and II anodizæ) and MIL-C-5541 (Iridite 14-2) after salt spray exposure alone. However, elevated temperature exposure decreased the salt spray corrosion resistance of all specimens.

Type I, Type II and Iridite 14-2 coated 2020-T6 aluminum exhibited no visible signs of corrosion after 360 hours exposure to 120°F, 95% relative humidity or 48 hours exposure to 3 phase JP-4 salt water immersion.

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OBJECT:

To investigate the corrosion resistant properties of Type I and Type II anodize and Iridite 14-2 coatings on bare 2020-T6 aluminum alloy after 100 hours exposure to elevated temperatures of 300 and 350°F by determining the following:

- I. Porosity By
 - (a) Salt Spray
 - (b) Humidity
 - (c) JP-4 3 phase immersion
- II. Tensile Properties

TEST SPECIMENS, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT:

I. Specimens.

	Item		Qty.	Size	Source
	Bare 2020			0.100"x10"x12"	Aluminum Co. of America,
	•	•			Alcoa, Tenn.
-				•	•

II. Materials

Item	•	•		Source
Type I (chr Anodize Sol			epared per Engr. Che	MIL-A-8625A m. Lab.

Type II (sulfuric acid) Anodize Solution

Iridite 14-2 Solution

Prepared per MIL-C-5541 in Eng. Chem. Lab.

III. Equipment

Item

Salt Spray Cabinet

Humidity Cabinet

Source

Ind. Filter and Pump Mfg. Co. Chicago, Ill.

American Instrument Co. Silver Springs, Md.

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III. Equipment (Continued)

Item .

Source

Tensile Machine

A. H. Emery Co. Stamford, Conn.

Blue "M" Electric Oven RT - 3500F

Blue "M" Electric Co. Blue Island, Ill.

PROCEDURE:

The test was conducted in four parts. Three 0.100" x 10" x 12" test panels of bare 2020-T6 aluminum alloy were coated by each of the three processes; Type I anodize, Type II anodize and Iridite 14-2. Four test panels of bare 2020-T6 were left uncoated and used for control specimens. The test panels were cut from the same sheet of material to prevent large variations in chemical and physical properties between samples: Type I and Type II anodize were applied per MIL-A-8625A. Coating weight was determined and found to be well over the minimum weight required in both cases. The Iridite 14-2 coating was applied per MIL-C-5541. Panels of each of the three coating processes and uncoated controls were subjected to: (1) no heat, (2) 300°F for 100 hours, and (3) 350°F for 100 hours. The specimens were then sheared to desired sizes for testing.

The following tests were performed:

- (1) Salt Spray: One 5" x 6" panel from each coating process and heat soak was subjected to salt spray per FTMS 151, Method 811. Type I and Type II anodized panels were supported at a 6° inclination from the vertical for a total of 240 hours. Panels coated with Iridite 14-2 were supported at a 6° inclination for a total of 168 hours. All panels were examined every 24 hours until pitting developed and then the exposure was continued until total time had elapsed. Uncoated 5" x 6" panels were tested as controls.
- Humidity: One 5" x 6" panel from each coating process and heat soak was subjected to 120°F, 95% relative humidity for 360 hours per Procedure 3 of MIL-E-5272A. The panels were examined every 46 hours until pitting developed and then the exposure was continued until total time had elapsed. Uncoated 5" x 6" panels were tested as controls.

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- Three Phase Immersion: One 5" x 6" panel from each coating process and heat soak was subjected to 48 hours three phase immersion (JP-4, JP-4 vapor, 3% NaCl solution at 140°F). The panels were then examined for pitting. Uncoated 5" x 6" panels were tested as controls.
- Tensile: Five coupons of each coating process and heat soak were prepared for tensile tests per FTJ 4751-38*

 The tensile tests were conducted per FTMS 151, Method 211, on uncoated controls and coated specimens after exposures of zero, 168 hours, and 240 hours in salt spray.

RESULTS

The results of the various parts of the test are given in tabulated form as follows:

- (1) Table I lists the number of pits/in2 for each coating process and heat soak after various salt spray exposures.
- (2) Table II(A) gives the number of pits/in² for each coating process and heat soak after 360 hours in the 120°F, 95% relative humidity cabinet.
- (3) Table II(B) shows the effects of three phase immersion on each coating process and heat soak.
- (4) Table III gives the results of tensile tests.
- (5) Table IV shows the operating conditions of the salt spray chamber during specimen exposure.

DISCUSSION

Type I and Type II anodize coatings were applied per MIL-A-8625A. Iridite 14-2 chemical film was applied per MIL-C-5541. All three coatings were applied to bare 2020-T6 aluminum alloy.

Table I shows that 2020-T6 aluminum alloy, when coated by the two processes Type II anodize and Iridite 14-2, exhibit excellent corrosion resistant properties in salt spray environment when not subjected to elevated temperatures. However, the same type specimens when subjected to elevated temperatures show corresion present after three to nine days salt spray exposure. The 2020-T6 aluminum alloy when coated with Type I anodize snowed corrosion on panels both with and without heat soaks from three to seven days in the salt spray chamber.

Table II(A) shows that only the 2020-Tó aluminum control panels (with no protective coating) exhibited corrosion after 360 hours exposure in the humidity chamber. All coated panels passed the required humidity exposure time with no signs of corrosion.

*See Supplemental Sheet S-1.

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Results of JP-4 three phase immersion test given in Table II(B) indicate no corrosion problem exists on coated panels or uncoated controls after 48 hour exposure.

The results listed in Table III show that the tensile properties of 2020-T6 aluminum alloy are slightly decreased by 300°F heat exposure whereas 350°F heat exposures decrease the yield strength by 16 to 22% in all cases (coated and uncoated) and the ultimate strength by 13 to 16%. Salt spray exposures alone seemed to have very little, if any, effect on the tensile properties of 2020-T6 aluminum alloy.

CONCLUSIONS:

The corrosion resistant properties of Type I and Type II anodize and Iridite 14-2 coatings on bare 2020-T6 aluminum alloy when exposed to elevated temperatures were investigated. The results of these investigations lead to the following conclusions:

- I. Temperature Resistance
 - A. One hundred hours exposure to 300°F has little effect on the tensile properties of coated and uncoated 2020-T6 aluminum alloy.
 - B. One hundred hours exposure to 350°F decreases the yield and ultimate strengths of coated and uncoated 2020-T6 aluminum by 13 to 22 percent.
- II. Corrosion Resistance
 - A. Salt Spray: Type I anodized 2020-T6 aluminum exhibits 5 pits per square inch of exposed surface after 240 hours salt spray exposure. Type II anodized and Iridite 14-2 coated 2020-T6 aluminum exhibit no visible corrosion after 240 and 168 hours salt spray exposure respectively. All coated specimens pass the tensile requirements of MIL-A-8625A (Type I and II anodize) and MIL-C-5541 (Iridite 14-2) after salt spray exposure.

Elevated temperature exposures decrease the salt spray corrosion resistance of coated and uncoated 2020-To aluminum. The tensile properties of coated specimens exposed to temperature and salt spray are approximately the same as those for uncoated specimens.

B. Humidity and 3 Phase Immersion: Type I, Type II, and Iridite 14-2 chated 2020-T6 aluminum show no visible signs of corrosion after 360 hours exposure to 120°F, 95% relative humidity or 48 hours exposure to 3 phase JP-4 salt water immersion.

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TABLE I

1	<u> </u>		·		
Material and Treatment	100 Hr. Heat Exposure	Salt Spray Exposure	Specimen Number	Number of days ex- posed at first sign of corrosion.	Number of pits/in ² after total ex- posure period.
7	Y- Vo-4	None	1-5		
Tr.	No Heat	168 IIr	16-20	2 days	Pits too numerous
a	Exposure	240 Hr.	21-25	. 2 days	Pits too numerous to count.
7.9		None	26-30		
020-16 Ma treatment	300 ⁰ F	168 Hr.	41-45	2 days	Pits too numorcus
A 1		210 Hr.	L:6-50	2 days	Pits too numercus
		None	51-55		Contraction of the Contraction o
Pare Tth	350 ⁰ F	168 Hr.	66-70	2 days	Pits too numorous
	,,,,,	21:0 Hr	71-75	2 days	rits too numerous
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		None	76-80		
51. 84.	No Heat Exposure	210 Hz	91-95	7 days	5 pits/in ²
SES S	•	None	96-100		
Bare X-2020-T6 Material with Type I Anodize. Applied per	3∞° F	21:0 Ur	111-115	L days	8 pits/in ²
tot tot		Lone	116-120		
명결단장되	350° F	21,0 Hr.	131-135	' 3 days	11 pits/in ²
7.	No Heat	None	136-1/10		
2020-16 1 with Anodis Per (25A.,	Exposure	වග Hr.	151-155	no visible pits	No pits over entire surface.
Post Anoch		None .	156-160		
Bure X-2020-TG Material with Type II Anodise Applied per HHI-A-8625A-2	3000 F	240 Fr.	171-175	9 dayes	4 pits over entire surface 13 pits/ii
Material Type II Applied	^	None	176-180		
विष्ट्रीव	350 ⁰ F	21:0 Hr.	191-195	-9. days	4 pits over entire
· · ·	No Heat	Hone	196-200	/	
ે.લું ત	Exposure	168 Hr.	211-215	* no visible pits	No pits over entire
00		None	216-220		
	ჳიე <mark>ე </mark>	163 Hr.	251-235	* 3 days	Pits too numerous to count.
्रहरू इस्त्रेस्	^	None	236-240		
Laro X-200 Matorial w Iridia 11, Applia c	350 ⁰ f	168 Hr.	251-25	no visible pits 'n and the results were	No pits over entire

sults were reproducible ment 6 FWP 1072-8-54 where appost sheet * This group of specimens was rerun and the r

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RESULTS OF HULIDITY AND JP-14 THREE PHASE INDERSION-TESTS

(1.) 360 Hr. Humidit	y Test (120	0 F. 95%)		
Material and Treatment	100 Mr. Heat Exposure	Specimen Number	Number of days exposed at first sign of corrosion.	Number of pits/in ² after total exposure period.
Bare X-2020-T6	No Heat.	11-15	7 days	six
Material with no	300 ⁰ F	36-Li0	6 days	Pits too numerous to count.
treatment.	350° F	61-65	li days	u /
Bare X-2020-T6 Material with Type I	No Heat	86-90	No pits visible	No pits over entire
Anodize. Applied per	.300 ⁰ F	106-110	η	11
M11-A-8625A.	350° F	126-130	n ,	y 11 ×
Bare X-2020-T6	No Heat	146-150	3 ·	
Material with Type II Anodize. Applied por	300° F	166-170	n .	n
M11-A-8625A	350 ⁰ F	186-190	Ħ	11
Bere X-2020-T6	No Heat	206-210	п	. 11
Material with Iridite	. 3000 F	226-230	17	π
1H1-C-5541.	350 ⁰ . F	246-250	11	, · n

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(B.) JP-4 Three pliane Latorial and Treatment	100 Hr. Heat Exposure	Specimen Number	Comments
Bare X-2020-T6	No Heat	6-10	No pits over entire surface.
treatment.	350 ⁰ F	31- 35 56 - 60	n .
Bare X-2020-T6	No Heat	81-95	n
Material with Type I Amodize. Applied por	3000 F	101-105	ti
Mil-A-8625A.	350 ⁰ F	121-125	n
Bare X-2020-T6 Laterial with Type II	No Heat	11-15	/ н
Anodize. Applied per	3000 F	161-165	п
111-A-8625A.	350° F	181-185	п
Bare K-2020-T6	No Heat	201-205	и ,
Enterial with Iridite	<u>500</u> 0 F	221-225	π
11-2: Applied por 11-0-5511.	350 ⁰ F	21,1-21,5	u.

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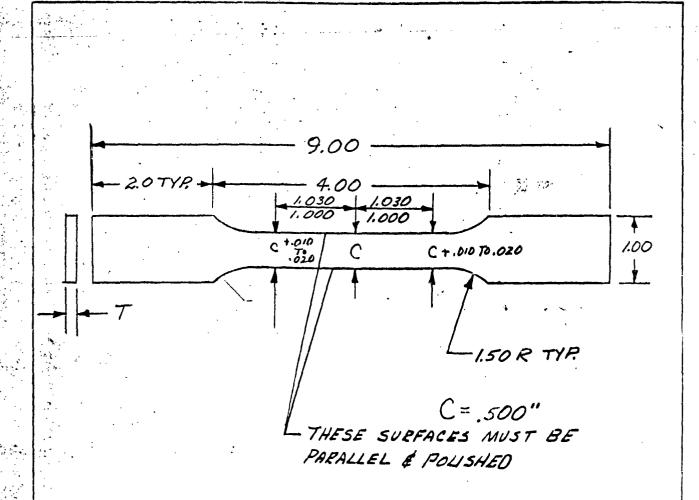
latorial	100 Hr.	Salt		Avora	ge Tensile Pro	perties		
and Prontment	Heat Exposure	Spray Exposure	Specimen Number	Yield PSI	Ultimate PSI	Percent Elongation		
	No Heat	None	1-5	75.075	79.800	8.4		
	Exposure	168 Hr	15-20	75,680	80,280	4.4		
		240 Hr.	21-25	76,640	82,040	6,2		
		None	26-30	72,620	77,480	7.6		
	300 ⁰ F	168 Hr.	41-45	73,020	77,880	6.5		
4 6		240 Hr.	46-50	73,380	77,880	7.4		
2		None	51-55	58,700	66,950	7.2		
e di	350 ⁰ F	168 Hr.	66-70	56,860	66,560	7.3		
		240 Hr.	71-75	56_880	66,080	8.2		
	No Heat	None	76-80	74,666	79.380	7.8		
0	Exposure	21 ₁ 0 Hr.	91-95	76.140	81,100	8,5		
1 with Anodise (254		None	96-100	72.800	77.360	7.6		
o X-2020- orial with o I Anodi lied per	2000 E	21:0 Hr	111-115	71,000	77,500	7.7		
Darge Latori Type Applie	0- (None	116-120	59,1420	67,800	8,2		
집집단중됨	350 ⁰ F	210 Br.	131-135	56.500	66,300	8,5		
	No Heat	None	136-140	· 473.4120	78,760	7•7		
th dire	Exposure	· 240 Hr.	151-155 .	73.600	80,000	7.8		
A L H S K	^	None.	156-160	73.000	78,420	7.6		
Bare A-2020 Material wi Typo II Ano Applied per Mil-A-8625A	300 ⁰ F	alio Hr.	171-175	73,320	77,530	2.9		
Eare Later Typo Appli	350 ⁰ P	None	176-150	61,760	68,520	7.8		
4 3 6 4 3	350° F	elio Hr.	191-195	61,720	68,680	4.5		
	No Heat	None	196-200	/ 74,520	79,560	8.4		
2 43 V	Exposure	168 Hr.	211-215	75,260	79,780	7.6		
al with a line of per 55541	,	None	216-220	72,980	77.7!2	7.5		
45 _4 13	²⁰⁰⁰ Ł	168 Hr.	231-235	73,460	78,020	7.3		
Ling A-C linterial Iridite Applied 1911-C-55		None	236-240	58,840	67.460	7.9		
は海中が出	3500 p	168 lir.	251-255	61,000	69,280	7.9		

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